

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation has made a turnover of Rs.297.10 crores even during the period of economic slump;
- (b) if so, the turnover in terms of rupees made by India Tourism Development Corporation in Uttar Pradesh especially, in Varanasi and Bharohi during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government have any ambitious scheme for the development of tourism in the heritage city of Varanasi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Ministry of Tourism is going to organise cultural and Discovery of India programmes in different parts of the country in the Millennium year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the places selected therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE

(SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

- (a) : Yes Sir. ITDC's turnover during 1998-99 was Rs.297.10 crores.
- (b) : During the last three years, ITDC made a total turnover of Rs.12.25 crores in the state of Uttar Pradesh including provisional figure for the year 1999-2000 and Rs.5.76 crores in respect of ITDC unit in Varanasi.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for implementation of specific projects identified every year in consultation with the State Governments subject to availability of funds. During 1999-2000 the project for construction of Tourist Complex at Varanasi has been sanctioned for Central financial assistance of Rs.40.00 lakhs with release of first installment of Rs. 12.00 lakhs.
- (e) & (f) : Government has extended Visit India Year up-to 1.1.2001. The major events have been identified for organising them during Visit India Year in collaboration with the State Governments/ U.T.'s administration. These events will be a part of celebration of Visit India Year.